



PORT OF SKAGIT COUNTY

May 15, 2006

Municipal Stormwater (Phase II, Western Washington) Comment
Department of Ecology
Water Quality Program
Municipal Stormwater Permits
P.O. Box 47696
Olympia, WA 98504-7696

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Re: Comments

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Port of Skagit County (port) is concerned that, as a secondary permittee, it is being held to a different standard than cities, towns, and counties. It appears as if the port's permit will apply to its property in Conway and La Conner (populations < 1000) whereas cities, towns, and counties with populations < 1,000 are excluded from the process.

The port wishes to better understand the relationship of the proposed Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit for Western Washington to its existing Boatyard Stormwater Permit at the La Conner Marina and Industrial Stormwater Permit at the Skagit Regional Airport. Will the new Phase II permit replace the existing permits? Or will it be, in effect, similar to double taxation?

If you have any questions regarding this letter, or if I can be of further assistance, please call me at telephone number (360) 757-0011.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Coordinator

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